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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 189**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**IN THE GALUT, WE ARE IN A GRAVEYARD... WORMS
AND MAGGOTS DEVOUR US**

"The Gaon of Vilna, the Rabbi of all Israel in the previous generations, describes this situation in a dramatic, scorching light. He says: 'Since the Temple was destroyed, our spirit and our crown departed, and only we remained, the body without the soul. And exile to outside the Land is a grave. Worms surround us there, and we do not have the power to save ourselves. They, the idol worshippers, it is they who devour our flesh. In every place there were great societies and Yeshivot, until the body decayed, and the bones scattered, again and again. Yet, always, some bones still existed, the Talmidi Chachamim of the Israelite nation, the pillars of the body - until even these bones rotted, and there only remained a rancid waste which disintegrated into dust - our life turned into dust... Likutei HaGra, at the end of Safra D'Tzniuta

..."In the Galut, we are in a graveyard," Rav Tzvi Yehuda said. "Our Kedusha is in the impurity of gentile lands. Worms and maggots devour us. For two thousand years, we have been in a place of maggots and worms. They surround and encompass us there. The persecutions and pogroms of the gentiles, the gentile cultures, and their spiritual worlds, are the maggots and worms which feast on our flesh and gnaw away at our spirit and Kedusha. This is the reality of Galut. There is absolutely no compatibility between impurity and Kedusha. There is no point of contact between them. Only an incisive opposition, a drastic opposition, the one separated from the other by a cosmological order. Thus, over thousands of years, the maggots and worms ate away at us. According to the holy, sensitive, living words of the Gaon of Vilna, the flesh is easiest to consume. But when the worms reach the bones, the Talmidei Chachamim, our source of spiritual power, the staunchest and most solid block which connects us to the eternity of Israel when the gnawing continues, and the absurdity (of Galut) and its evil reaches, G-d Forbid, our bones - then there is an extreme threat to our survival - an awful and horrifying situation."

(From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON